

# **DNREC announces availability of \$133,528 for Community Environmental Project Fund projects**

*Public workshops set for Sept. 7 and 13 on CEPF grant process*

**DOVER** – Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control Secretary Shawn M. Garvin today announced the availability of \$133,528 for [Community Environmental Project Fund](#) (CEPF) grants administered by the Department. The CEPF grant program was created in 2004 by House Bill 192, legislation that enables DNREC to withhold 25 percent of all civil or administrative penalties collected by the Department as CEPF funds.

HB 192 requires that CEPF funds benefit communities where civil or administrative violations occurred. The CEPF provides for community restoration by funding environmental projects that reduce pollution, enhance natural resources, and enhance them for purposes of creating recreational opportunities for the citizens of Delaware.

IRS tax-exempt organizations are eligible for grants up to \$20,000. Non-profit organizations which do not have tax-exempt status, but have established a Fiscal Sponsor Agreement with an IRS tax-exempt organization, are eligible to apply for a maximum grant amount of \$10,000. Applications for CEPF grants can be found [on the DNREC website](#) or can be obtained by calling James Brunswick, DNREC community ombudsman, at 302-739-9140. The CEPF grant application deadline is Monday Oct. 2, by DNREC's close of business (4:30 p.m.)

DNREC also will hold two public workshops about the CEPF grant program on Sept. 6 and 13. Date, time and location for the

workshops are:

- New Castle County: Wednesday, Sept. 6, 6-7:30 p.m., DNREC Offices, Conference Room A, 391 Lukens Drive, New Castle, DE 19720
- Kent and Sussex Counties: Wednesday, Sept. 13, 6-7:30 p.m., DNREC Auditorium, Richardson & Robbins Building, 89 Kings Highway, Dover DE 19901

Pre-registration is requested, but not required. Please email James Brunswick, Community Ombudsman, or call 302-739-9040 to pre-register. For an application form and more information visit: [dnrec.alpha.delaware.gov/community-services/environmental-project-fund/](http://dnrec.alpha.delaware.gov/community-services/environmental-project-fund/)

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